New roads in North-East Region

1125. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals from the North-Eastern States for inclusion of new roads in the list of National Highways;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Tripura has proposed some new roads for consideration as National Highways;

(c) the names and alignments of these proposed roads of the North-East; and

(d) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Eight proposals from the North-Eastern States have been received after 25.2.2004 for declaring as National Highways in the Region.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The names and routes of these roads are as follows:—

Assam	i. Dhodar Ali
Meghalaya	i. Nongstoin—Tura Road
	ii. Agia-Medhipara-Phulwabri-Barengapara Road
Nagaland	i. Bokajan in Assam Rengmapani-Kiphire in Nagaland
	ii. Halflong-Mahur-Laike-Kohima in Nagaland
	iii. Tuensang in Nagaland-Naginimora-Sibsagar in Assam
Tripura	i. Kukital to Sabroom *via* Dharmanagar-Amarpur, Rupaichari
Sikkim	i. Alternate National Highway from Nathula to Siliguri

(d) At present, there is no proposal for declaring more roads as National Highways in the country including North Eastern Region. Emphasis is given for development of existing National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.